

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Extension Service,  
Washington 25, D. C.

3 SOURCE AND AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL OUTLOOK AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION  
MATERIALS OF INTEREST TO STATE EXTENSION ECONOMISTS

This statement is on the source and availability of economic materials from various agencies and departments in Washington, D. C. It is designed to help clarify the distribution procedures that have been developed and to explain the role of the Extension Service in facilitating distribution to State extension economists.

Over-all Publications Announcements

Usually each bureau or agency prepares annually a publication listing the materials available from that bureau or agency and how they may be obtained. Most agencies also release a monthly supplement, listing all items issued during the preceding month. The following are considered of significance to State extension economists. Reference copies of these publications announcements are usually available in the agricultural college libraries or in the State editor's office;

Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

Agricultural Economic and Statistical Publications - Issued annually, it gives a complete list of the economic and statistical publications of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Check List of Publications - A monthly supplement to Agricultural Economic and Statistical Publications, lists Bureau publications, including charts and maps issued during the previous month. Many charts and maps are listed in this monthly supplement that are not included in the annual Agricultural Outlook Chart Book.

Production and Marketing Administration, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

Periodic Market Reports - Lists the Market News Offices, those having leased wire and those not having leased wire. It gives the reports available under the following general headings and office or offices from which each may be obtained:

Market News Reports  
Market Reports  
Reports on Regulatory Activities  
Purchases, Deliveries, and Sales Reports  
Other Reports.

Marketing Activities - Issued monthly, the last page of each issue lists publications issued by Production and Marketing Administration during the preceding month.

Prepared by Division of Agricultural Economics, Extension Service, U.S.D.A., Washington, D. C., for discussion with State representatives at the Annual Outlook Conference, November 4, 1949.

Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

Published Information on Agriculture in Foreign Countries - Gives a complete list of the publications of the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations.

Farm Credit Administration, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

Publications on Agricultural Cooperation - Circular A-23. Gives a list of the publications currently available from the Farm Credit Administration.

Announcement of New Publications of Farm Credit Administration - Issued periodically as new publications are made available for distribution.

Commodity Exchange Authority, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

List of Publications of the Commodity Exchange Authority - Issued annually, it is a continuation of the lists of publications issued in prior years by the Grain Futures Administration and the Commodity Exchange Administration, predecessors of the Commodity Exchange Authority.

Office of Experiment Stations, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

Annual Report of Office of Experiment Stations - Issued annually, it tells what research work is being carried on, what experiment station is doing the work, and the progress being made.

Reprint from Bibliography - A list of State Agricultural Experiment Station publications is made available monthly as a separate reprint of what is contained in the Bibliography of Agriculture.

Soil Conservation Service, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

Available Publications of the Soil Conservation Service - It gives a list of publications available from the Soil Conservation Service.

Abstract of Recent Published Material on Soil and Water Conservation - Published about two times a year, it gives an abstract of publications on all phases of soil and water conservation.

## U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

List of Available Publications of the U. S. Department of Agriculture - Miscellaneous Publication No. 60. In addition to listing available publications of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, it gives a description of the various series, including periodicals.

Monthly List of Publications and Motion Pictures - The list is issued monthly. It gives the author, title, and issuing bureau or office of each printed publication issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the preceding month. It also lists and describes any motion pictures released.

Motion Pictures of the U. S. Department of Agriculture - Miscellaneous Publication 673. Gives title and description of motion pictures available from U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Slidefilms of the U. S. Department of Agriculture - Miscellaneous Publication No. 655. Gives title, description, and cost of slidefilms available from U. S. Department of Agriculture.

## U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D. C.

List of Available Publications of U. S. Department of Commerce - Lists all Department of Commerce publications that are available. (Now out of print, will be republished soon.)

Business Service Check List - Issued weekly, it contains a list of all material published by the U. S. Department of Commerce during the previous week.

Census Publications Catalog and Subject Guide - Published annually, it lists for the calendar year the publications of the Bureau of the Census, and furnishes a guide to their contents.

## U. S. Department of Labor, Washington 25, D. C.

Publications of the Bureau of Labor Statistics - Issued monthly, it lists Bureau of Labor Statistics publications issued during the previous month, including articles in the monthly labor review, and reports in progress. It also includes publications released by regional offices. The June and December issues are accumulative for 6 months.

## U. S. Department of Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

Each bureau in the Department of Interior publishes a separate list of available publications. They may be obtained from each of the following:

Fish and Wildlife Service  
Geological Survey  
Indian Affairs  
Land Management

Mines  
National Park Service  
Reclamation.

In the absence of an over-all publication which lists all economic materials available from the following bureaus and agencies, we are giving below the titles of a few publications of these agencies that may be of special interest to extension economists.

Commodity Credit Corporation, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

( Requests for these publications should be made to Information Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C. )

Report of Financial Condition and Operations - Issued monthly, it includes financial statements, program results, loan operations, inventory operations and statement of accounting policies.

Active and Announced Price Support Programs Approved by Board of Directors - Issued monthly, it gives the commodities for which there is an active or announced price support program, type of program, latest date of securing loans or selling to CCC, point at which support is established, and the general support level.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

Report of the Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation - Issued annually, each report is for a fiscal year.

Rural Electrification Administration, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

Annual Statistical Report - Issued annually for year ending December 31. Includes statistics on lending program of REA, loan, construction, operating, and financial statistics of REA borrowers.

Monthly Statistical Summary - Issued monthly, it is a statistical summary of REA activities for each month.

Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

Printed Publications for the Research Worker - A list of printed reports on research results available from BHN&HE (revised periodically).

Rural Family Living - (annual outlook issue). A summary of current information on family finance and food supply and prices.

Rural Family Living Chart Book - A series of selected charts on rural family living situations, food consumption trends, etc., with supporting data for reference use or for use in reconstructing charts.

Distribution of Economic Publications

In general, it may be said that there are four ways by which economic materials from the U. S. Department of Agriculture are now being made available to State extension economists.

- I. Automatic Mailing
- II. Mailing Lists Developed on a Request Basis
- III. Special Distribution to Interested Individuals
- IV. Bulk Ordering.

These four methods are presented in some detail on the following pages for purposes of discussion with State extension economists. Suggestions for improvement are requested at any time.

I.

Automatic Mailing to State Extension Economists

A number of U.S.D.A. publications should go automatically to State extension economists by virtue of the position which they hold. Arrangements have been made for a few such publications to be distributed through the code number mailing list of the Department for extension economists. The publications that go automatically in this way are:

Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

Agricultural Situation (monthly)  
Agricultural Outlook Digest (monthly)  
Check List of Publications (monthly)  
Crops and Markets (quarterly)  
Current Developments in the Farm Real Estate Market (three times a year)  
Statistical Summary (monthly).

Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

Foreign Crops and Markets (weekly)  
Foreign Agricultural Trade (monthly and annual).

II.

Mailing Lists Developed on a Request Basis

All agencies maintain special mailing lists for most of their periodicals. These mailing lists include the names of individuals who have requested that they receive regularly certain publications. The lists are usually circulated annually to ascertain continued interest. Examples of publications that require special requesting are given below. For a complete list, the announcements referred to in the fore part of this report should be consulted.

Situation Reports of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics -

Demand and Price Situation (monthly)

Farm Income Situation (monthly)

Marketing and Transportation Situation (monthly)

National Food Situation (quarterly)

Farm Cost Situation (semi-annual)

Various Commodity Situation Reports.

Foreign Circulars of the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations -

Foreign Agricultural Policy

World Food Situation

Various Commodity Circulars.

Special releases of the Production and Marketing Administration -

Marketing Activities (monthly)

Market News Reports

Various Commodity Market Reports

Reports on Regulatory Activities.

Daily and Weekly Summary of Press Releases of the Office of Information -

(A complete text of press releases of local interest is mailed daily to all extension editors concerned.)

The free distribution of some publications is limited. In such cases most agencies prefer to send their publications to offices rather than to individuals. Two such examples are:

Library, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

Bibliography of Agriculture - Published monthly, it lists all of the literature on agriculture and closely related subjects received by the Department Library, and covers more than 12,000 periodicals and serial publications as well as thousands of books, pamphlets, and governmental documents in this field. There is a separate listing each month of State Extension Service and Experiment Station Publications.

Office of the Solicitor, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

Agricultural Decisions - Issued monthly, this publication makes available to the public decisions of the Secretary of Agriculture under regulatory laws administered in the Department of Agriculture. Current Court decisions involving the regulatory laws administered by the Department are also included.

III.

Special Distribution to Interested Individuals

Whenever direct mailings of economic publications can be made it is desirable. There are, however, some releases and various other publications of the "once only" type for which no regular mailing lists are maintained. One of the functions of the Extension Service is to keep in touch with such publications, obtain a supply for distribution to the States, and send them out to the individuals interested. One copy to a State is the usual number available for this type of material.

About 800 different pieces of material have been distributed to State extension economists in this way during the 9-1/2 months, January 1 to October 15, 1949. This distribution was made by various members of the Division of Agricultural Economics in accordance with the subject matter involved. A summary of the types of releases included is as follows:

- 550 - Releases concerning operations of farm programs, such as - milk marketing orders, price supports, loans, wheat agreement sales, commodity purchases, etc.
- 150 - Commodity information, such as meat production report, sugar statistics, etc.
- 50 - RMA releases - mostly advisory committee reports.
- 25 - Public policy and international matters, such as ECA, FAO, and UN publications.
- 25 - Miscellaneous, mostly personnel announcements, and general articles.

IV.

Bulk Ordering of Economic Materials

When a Federal publication of interest to extension workers is forthcoming in volume sufficient for distribution within a State, advance announcement is sent to the State Publications Distribution Officer by the Division of Extension Information. When such publications are of an economic nature, a copy of the announcement is sent to the State extension economists concerned. Orders for a bulk supply should be made through the State Publications Distribution Officer. Examples of printed economic publications made available in bulk supply since July 1 are as follows:

- 7- 8-49 FCA Report 129 - Processing by Frozen Food Locker Cooperatives.
- 8-17-49 Research at Work - From Farm to You.
- 9-14-49 Farmers' Bulletin 2009 and 2010 on grain storage.
- 10-10-49 Revised color charts, Know the Eggs You Buy.
- 10-18-49 Your Farm Lease - Miscellaneous Publication 627 and forms  
Agri. 1 and Agri. 3.

